

Regulatory Announcement

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Federal Wholesaler's Basic Permit

The federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) requires that retailers selling alcoholic beverages at wholesale to other retailers must hold a Wholesaler's Basic Permit. (Federal Alcohol Administration Act, U.S. Code 27 (2012), § 203(c)(1))

Therefore, effective July 1, 2018, any class "E" liquor control license holder engaged in the sale of alcoholic liquor to onpremises liquor control license holders will be required to have on file with the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division a copy of their federal Wholesaler's Basic Permit issued by the TTB.

- If you currently hold a Wholesaler's Basic Permit, please email a copy of the permit to licensing@iowaabd.com. In your email, please include your class "E" liquor control license number (ex: LE1234567).
- If you do not hold a Wholesaler's Basic Permit, you will need to apply for one using TTB's Permits Online system, which can be accessed here. There is no cost to apply for a Wholesaler's Basic Permit.
- If you are not engaged in the wholesale sale of alcoholic liquor to on-premises liquor control license holders, no action is required.

As of March 2018, TTB estimates that it will take, on average, 60 days to process an application for a Wholesaler's Basic Permit. You are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to ensure sufficient time for processing of your application.

All questions regarding the Wholesaler's Basic Permit should be directed to TTB by calling 1-855-882-7665. Any questions regarding Iowa alcohol licensing/permitting should be directed by email to licensing@iowaabd.com.

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